

REMARKS

Drawings

The Examiner maintains that the Formal Drawings filed on March 30, 2001 have been objected to by the Draftsperson under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.84 or 1.152.

Replacement Formal Drawings, consisting of 10 sheets, Figures 1 through 10, are being filed concurrently herewith, thereby obviating this rejection.

Rejection of Claims 21 and 54-59 Under Obviousness-Type Double-Patenting

Claims 21 and 54-59 have been provisionally rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over Claims 1-12 of U.S. Patent No. 6,235,489.

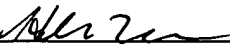
A Terminal Disclaimer, a Statement Under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73(b), and the appropriate terminal disclaimer fee are being filed concurrently herewith, thereby obviating this rejection.

CONCLUSION

In view of the above remarks, it is believed that all claims are in condition for allowance, and it is respectfully requested that the application be passed to issue. If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this case, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,

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